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Orthodox Jews hold protest downtown

"Don't destroy our holy gravesites" say protesters

photo by Justin Rochefort

by Shira Katz

Approximately 300 members of Montreal's Orthodox Jewish community blocked Montreal's downtown streets yesterday, protesting what they call the desecration of an ancient Jewish gravesite in Israel. They also denounced alleged Israeli police brutality.

The protesters say that the Israeli government is disregarding Jewish religious rights in its manner of desecrating gravesites. It also states that hundreds of Jews in Israel, including prominent Rabbis have been brutally beaten and arrested by Israeli police in their demonstrations to halt the desecration of an ancient Jewish gravesite.

The site they are referring to is a 2,000 year-old land space in the Israeli city of Yaffo. The protesters said that the place is being bulldozed in order to make way for a new parking lot.

"The State of Israel does not believe in religion and they lack morality too. I guarantee you wouldn't be able to desecrate the graves of Jews in Quebec the way they do there," said Rabbi Shalom Friedman, a representative from the Central Rabbinical Congress of the U.S.A. and Canada.

"We're protesting because we're religious and the Israeli government is anti-religious," said protester Mrs. Gross.

She explained that the Jewish faith teaches that bodies are considered holy even after they die. "The bones are considered holy because we believe when the Messiah comes the bones will be resurrected," she added.

Chanting "Israeli Government, let our saviours rest in peace," the men marched two by two starting from Park Ave. and Pine, carrying placards which read, "Don't destroy our holy gravesites" and "Israeli Government! Stop the brutal grave vandalism." Two makeshift coffins were carried by young men in the centre of the marchers, and two protesters were dressed in skeleton costumes.

The crowd gathered outside the Israeli Consulate on Peel and Rene-Levesque at 6:00 pm, listening to speeches by prominent Orthodox Rabbis in Hebrew, English and French. A Hebrew prayer for the dead and the redemption of the Messiah was led by an Israeli Rabbi.

Rabbi Friedman was cheered as he reminded the crowd about their reasons for protesting.

Friedman was also cheered when he reminded the crowd that Orthodox Jews are against having a state of Israel. "We are not allowed to have our own state until the Messiah comes," he said.

"Zionism is anti-Judaism," said Friedman. "The founders of Zionism were anti-religious and it's against the Bible."

Friedman said that the Israeli government keeps changing its mind about things.

"I received a fax from the Israeli Consulate this morning that the excavation is under the supervision of the Greek Orthodox Church in Israel which is a blatant lie," said Friedman. "They admitted three months ago that it was Jewish remains but being politicians, nothing bothers them to lie," he said.

The rally was organized by Orthodox Jewish leaders in conjunction with a massive rally of over 25,000 Jews two weeks ago in Manhattan, and more demonstrations are being planned internationally, according to protesters.

AIDS course ends successful year

by Hallie Cotnam

If you're looking for a class in which you might have to pass out clean needles on the street the night before the lecture, then Concordia has something for you.

Joshua Sugar is in his last year of Geography at Concordia. When it came time to pick an elective, one selection stood out: "HIV-AIDS: Cultural, Social, and Scientific Aspects of the Pandemic."

Sugar doesn't have HIV or AIDS, and, before taking the course, he didn't know anyone personally affected by HIV or AIDS. He admits he didn't even know much about the virus.

Now, with just a few weeks remaining in the semester, Sugar is confident he can help educate people by effectively communicating what is known about the HIV-AIDS virus.

A multidisciplinary course, it features multiple guest speakers, a varied readings list, and requires mandatory tutorials, weekly journals and, most significantly, a weekly commitment of 3 to 4 hours community service. It's the first course of its kind in Canada. Sugar described his baptism into the class, taught in part by Tom Waugh.

"He wrote the names of several people he knew that had been directly affected by HIV-AIDS, and turned to the class and encouraged us to do the same. I'd say over 75 per cent of the people got up and wrote something on the board."

"But I knew no one. It was an incredible strong entry into the course."

Sugar's internship was to work with Concordia's Peer Health Educators, a part of Health Services. He became part of a group whose mandate was to promote issues like HIV-AIDS, alcoholism, safe sex, STD's and stress. Sugar helped by setting up information tables in the Hall Building, passing out pamphlets, answering questions, and raising money for HIV-AIDS related charities.

"It's given me insight," explained Sugar, "and it's educating people, teaching them, that's rewarding."

"It felt good to raise money, too," said Sugar. "Lots of students emptied their pockets once they knew what it was for."

Over $450 was given to St. Justine's Hospital.

"And when people thank you, it's very nice, very nice to hear," said Sugar.

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize events of interest to the Concordia community. Priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, to *the Link*–Agenda. Deadlines are 4pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 4 pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, March 24

Mediamatic, a benefit party for Mediatribe, the Communications Studies Journal with Public Enema and DJ T'cha. $4 in adv; $5 at door. Tickets available: Bryan Building and Café X.

Monday, March 27

The Repercussions of Ashkenazic Martyrdom in Portugal, 1497," a public lecture by Professor Avraham Gross of Ben-Gurion University. 8:30 pm, H-507. Info: 848-2065.

Tuesday March 28

Nutrition Workshop sponsored by Health Services focusing on getting the most out of a vegetarian diet. 12-I:30 pm, H-653.

Welfare Information Meeting sponsored by Project Genesis will discuss strategies and tactics for targetting federal budget cuts. 1 pm, 5829 Cote des Neiges.

Wednesday, March 29

Wine & Cheese Party for all senior students, sponsored by the Sparklers Club. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. 4-7 pm, Mezz Café.

Thursday, March 30

Nutrition Workshop sponsored by Health Services focusing on getting the most out of a vegetarian diet. 12-I:30 pm, H-653.

Spiritual Values in the University, a public lecture with Daniel Cere and Rev. Terry Tekippe. 3:30 to 5 pm, Lonergan College, 7302 Sherbrooke West.

Story-telling in the Future: On Time and Tense in Homer, a talk by University of Montreal Professor Egbert Bakker. 4 pm, AD-435.

History, Reading and Critical Theory, a lecture by Cornell University Professor Dominick Lacapra. 7:30 pm, De Seve Thetare.

WOMEN

The Healing Circle, a discussion and support group for Women who are/ have been in abusive relationships with men. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Concordia Women's Centre. Information: 848-7431.

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Coming Out/ Support Group (18 to 25 yrs). Meets every second Wednesday. Info: Project 10, 989-4585 (1 to 5 pm).

SOS Violence conjugale. 24 hour crisis intervention and shelter referral. 873-9010.

Mouvement contre le viol: 842-5040.

Montréal Assault Prevention Centre offers a self-defense course called ACTION for women. Techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. Next course in English will be May 7th and 14th. To register call: 284-1212.

24 Hour Hotline & Crisis Line, Montreal Sexual Assault Centre, 934-4504.

Centre des femmes de Montréal: Services de première ligne, 842-4780; Service aux femmes immigrantes, 842-0814; Option'Elle, 842-6652; Formation'Elle, 842-4776.

Centre for AIDS Services for Women needs volunteers. Info: 989-7997, Basia.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre provides free counselling and emotional support, medical assessment and treatment, information on police and court procedures, court accompaniment, support groups for survivors and public education on sexual assault issues. Info: 934-4504.

Volunteers Needed for Parathèse, a unique playground for immigrant mothers & their children. Tuesday or Thursday 1-4:15 pm. Info: Cyndy, 934-0354, ext. 354.

Women's Spirituality: Irrepressible Spirit A series of videos and discussions exploring women's perspectives and experiences within various religious traditions. Tuesdays from 4:15-6 pm, Z-105. Info: Daryl Lynn Ross, 848-3585.

Committee Against Human Life International: Women interested in planning a protest against the Montreal conference of this racist, anti-Muslim, anti-semitic, homophobic, anti-choice organization can leave messages for the committee against Human Life International at the Concordia Women's Centre, 848-7431.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre needs volunteers for its 24 hour telephone crisis line. Concerned, bilingual women should call 934-4504, 934-0354.

Big Gals & Goddesses, wanna talk? A discussion group for big women . Whether you wear dresses or overalls, nylons or not. Info: 848-7431.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Counselling Workshops on career and educational planning. Also, private & confidential counselling for personal, educational & vocational concerns. Info: Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

Sex and Spirit Collective a social justice group attempting to heal the divisions between our sexual and spiritual identities. Thursdays 4-6 pm, 2090 Mackay.

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Peer Helpers is a free, confidential listening service of students helping students. 2090 Mackay St. Info: 848-2859.

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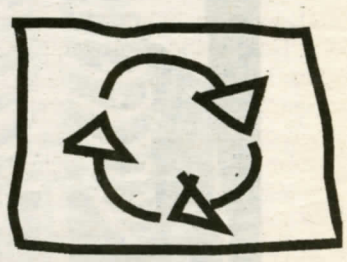

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The xenophobic underbelly of Quebec nationalism

Anglophones and Allophones worry over intolerant remarks

by Derek Fong

During the course of the Parti-Québécois's referendum campaign, some controversial statements have made regarding anglophones and cultural communities, and their place in Quebec society.

But there is debate over just how meaningful these statements really are, and what they imply for cultural communities in a separate Quebec.

The first controversial comment was made in an interview with the PQ's former communications advisor Pierre Bourgault during which he suggested there would be a "dangerous situation" in Quebec should a large majority of anglophones vote against the sovereignty option.

Alliance Quebec, B'nai Brith and other cultural groups denounced the statement, demanding that premier Jacques Parizeau fire Bourgault. Robert Libman, a B'nai Brith director and former MNA, went as far as denouncing Bourgault's statements as racist.

Despite the controversy, Parizeau refused to fire Bourgault, saying that he had heard much worse from federalists who predict Quebec would become mired in economic turmoil following a victory in the sovereignty referendum. Nevertheless, Bourgault responded to the pressure, sending Parizeau his resignation letter the next day.

"A straight racist vote"

The controversy surrounding Bourgault did not end there, however.

In Quebec City, Bourgault made yet another strategic gaffe according to some people. In a speech, Bourgault said he considered a vote against sovereignty by 60 per cent of anglophones to be a democratic vote. "At 80 per cent, I call that a xenophobic vote," he continued. "At 97 per cent, I call that a straight racist vote." His comments drew enthusiastic applause from his audience.

However, Bourgault was not the only one making headlines that day. Bloc MP Philippe Paré was also busy conjuring up his own firestorm.

Paré asked cultural communities whether "just for once, couldn't you let the next referendum be decided by old-stock Quebecers?" Later, he reinforced his position to reporters. "What I'm trying to say is that it's never Quebecers' turn to settle their own identity problems," Paré continued.

Fellow Bloc MP Gilbert Fillion later supported Paré's comments, adding that it was a view held by many in the Bloc caucus.

Once again, cultural groups were infuriated. In a joint statement, Quebec's three largest ethnic groups—the National Congress of Italian Canadians (Quebec), the Canadian Jewish Congress (Quebec) and the Hellenic Congress of Quebec—denounced Bourgault as a demagogue.

"Mr. Bourgault is directly attacking the political and social fabric on which our society is based," the statement said. The statement also denounced Paré's comments, expressing concern that an elected representative could even suggest depriving a large number of Quebecers the right to vote based on their ethnic backgrounds.

Bloc leader Lucien Bouchard was quick to respond to Paré's comments. Paré was stripped of his post as the Bloc's representative from the Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region on a committee to coordinate Bloc-Parti-Québécois referendum strategy.

Also, contrary to Fillion's suggestions, Bouchard said the opinions espoused by Paré were not common in the Bloc and that he did not agree with Paré's comments at all. Paré retracted his comments and issued a press statement, saying he agreed that the referendum concerns all Quebecers and that he supported Bouchard's decision to remove him from his post on the referendum committee.

The Bloc refuses to comment further on the matter. Since the statements have been publicly retracted by everyone involved, they are declaring the issue resolved.

Problem resolved?

But do three controversial comments and three outcries from cultural groups add up to a racist sovereignty campaign?

In a telephone interview, Dan Philip of the Black Coalition of Quebec said of Paré's comments, "We have a right to be here just like everyone else. The (voting) rights belong to us."

Philip suggested that Quebec nationalism may be the reason these comments were made, although he believes Quebecers are not at a critical stage in terms of ethnic relations.

"Whenever you have extreme nationalism, you always have some degree of intolerance," he said.

Guy Lachapelle, a political science professor at Concordia who teaches a course on Quebec politics, said he does not believe the comments have hurt the referendum campaign at all in terms of support from anglophones and cultural groups, noting that their votes have been and will probably continue to be against the sovereignty option.

"I don't think that was important," Lachapelle said of Bourgault's comments about anglophones. "You have to expect that from Bourgault. He said that in 1966."

Lachapelle thinks the controversy surrounding Bourgault's comments was blown out of proportion, and suggests that those who objected to Bourgault's comments may have intentionally misconstrued what he said to suit their own "political reasons."

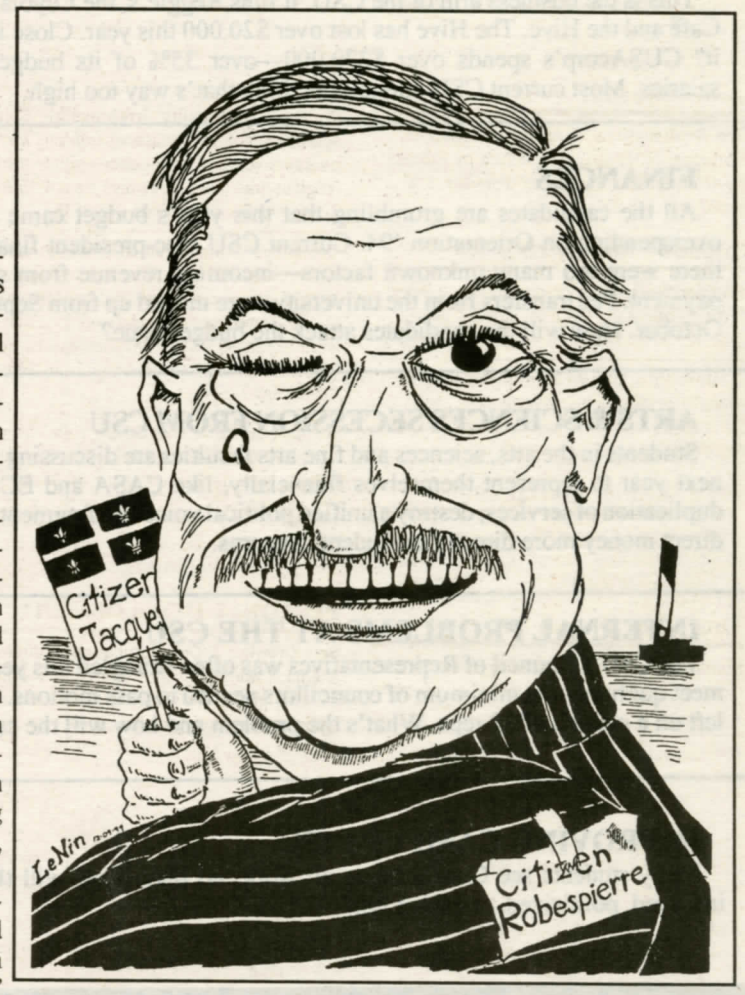
"I think there were some people who interpreted Mr. Bourgault's comments to please their readers," Lachapelle said. "Tell me what he said that was wrong."

But Jack Jedwab of the Canadian Jewish Congress (Quebec) said that those statements were highly inappropriate and made him feel "very disappointed."

Jedwab believes Bourgault made the comments in an attempt to portray cultural communities as anti-Quebec, since polls suggest the majority of ethnics will vote overwhelmingly to reject Quebec sovereignty in the upcoming referendum.

Bourgault's statements were an attempt to create tension between francophones and the cultural communities in Quebec in order to help win support for the sovereignty option among francophones, Jedwab suggested.

"I think it's demagoguery and bad strategy on (Bourgault's) part," Jedwab said.



Fighting a losing battle

He also criticized Paré and Fillion for their comments, which called for only "old-stock Quebecers" to vote in the upcoming referendum. Jedwab says the comments indicate that sovereigntists realize they are fighting a losing battle.

"They're desperate," he said. "These comments were made in the face of desperation."

Jedwab believes the main reason sovereignty is unpopular among ethnics is because it has concentrated on the advantages of sovereignty for francophones, while neglecting any possible advantages for anglophones and the cultural communities.

"I'm of the opinion that the separatist option is one that purportedly proposes to improve the situation for French Canadians in Quebec," he said. "They haven't thought through clearly enough how to sell their option."

Referring to the comments made by Bourgault, Paré and Fillion, Jedwab said "They're very disturbing. They're very reflective of an anti-democratic streak in these individuals."

What they have done, Jedwab said, is classify cultural minorities into two groups. Either they are anti-Quebec, which is the view Bourgault took, or they are not real Quebecers, which is what Paré and Fillion think.

Lachapelle meanwhile noted that 95 per cent of Quebecers do not support the position that Paré took with regard to ethnics not voting in the upcoming referendum. He also stressed that this was only Paré's position, not the Bloc's, regardless of what Fillion said.

"Those people who say that French Quebecers are racist, I think it's not true," defended Lachapelle.

Jedwab said that while he believes there are some ultra-nationalists who espouse a xenophobic perspective of Quebec, he agrees with Lachapelle's conclusion. "I don't think they represent a large portion of the Quebec population."

Both Lachapelle and Jedwab agree that Paré goofed.

"This is a democratic vote," Lachapelle said. "We have to respect the process. We have to respect the fundamental rights of individuals." Paré's suggestion that ethnics stay home on referendum night is "not acceptable in any country," he added.

"I'm opposed to any statements of that kind anywhere."

Safeguarding democracy

Both also agree that regardless of what happens, it is up to government institutions to ensure that Quebec nationalism does not lead to racism and xenophobia.

Nationalism, Lachapelle said, is not something static—is it ever-changing. For example, Lachapelle believes Quebec nationalism has evolved considerably since the 1960s, when he considered it to be ethnic nationalism, the belief that one cultural group is superior to other cultural groups.

Today, Quebec nationalism is best described as civic nationalism, Lachapelle said. According to him, this type of nationalism respects the rights of individuals in society.

"Quebec is really unique," Lachapelle said. According to Lachapelle, it doesn't make sense to compare Canada and Quebec's democratic tradition to a country like Yugoslavia because of the civil war in that country. But Lachapelle warned that Quebec must remain swift in denouncing those who would promote anti-democratic activities.

"If the state is unable to control the situation, then you can have xenophobia anywhere in the world."

CSU Elections

THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ALL SOUND SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR. EVERYONE'S PROMISING BROAD PLATITUDES AS "INCREASED OPENNESS," "MORE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT," "GETTING THE BUDGET IN ORDER" AND "IMPROVING THE CSU'S PRESTIGE." *THE LINK* BRINGS YOU THE REAL CANDIDATES, THE REAL ISSUES, AND HOW THEY AFFECT YOU.	Jon	Lana	
CUSACORP This is the business arm of the CSU. It runs Reggie's, the Loyola depanneur, the Mezz Café and the Hive. The Hive has lost over $20,000 this year. Close it down? Re-incarnate it? CUSAcorp's spends over $270,000—over 35% of its budget—on administrative salaries. Most current CSU councillors think that's way too high.	"Create incentive salaries for increasing revenues. Bishop St. is a big weekend crowd. Make it the first place to go before going out."	"Collapse VP CUSAcorp's responsibilites into VP Services. Too often they have conflicting projects. My previous goal was to streamline salaries."	"M (sch more
FINANCES All the candidates are grumbling that this year's budget came out too late, causing overspending on Orientation '94. Current CSU vice-president finance Sam Jawad says there were too many unknown factors—incoming revenue from student fees and debt payment. Fee transfers from the university were moved up from September 1 to the end of October. How will the candidates attack the budget issue?	"First of all, get on the ball and attack the budget early, whatever that problem may be, and there are a number of problems out there."	"I asked at every executive meeting 'where's the budget.' Ask (CSU president) Marika Giles."	"I My b
ARTS & SCIENCES SECESSION FROM CSU Students in the arts, sciences and fine arts faculties are discussing seeking accreditation next year to represent themselves financially, like CASA and ECA. This could create duplication of services, destroy a unified political voice and fragment students. But it could direct money more directly to student concerns.	"I'm committed to more political and economic autonomy for fine arts and arts and sciences. The CSU would coordinate pan-faculty affairs."	"All faculties should be accredited, and then accredit CSU in a referendum to represent everyone."	"I I've b ment comp
INTERNAL PROBLEMS AT THE CSU The CSU's Council of Representatives was often strangled this year because it couldn't meet quorum—the minimum of councillors needed to pass motions. Only 14 are currently left on a council of 30 reps. What's the problem and how will the candidates change it?	"The CSU right now is constipated. We should be cleaing people out on a regular basis. A president should only have one consecutive term."	"Elect class reps at the beginning of the year, and meet with them once a month in a general assembly. It would get a lot of students newly involved."	"In esses stude
IMPROVING CAMPUS LIFE Many students see Concordia as all work, no play. How will the CSU get students involved, politicized, and have fun?	"There shouldn't be one event per semester, we need consistency in student events."	"Students need a headquarters, the university must also make student life a priority —park benches in the lobby of the library, turn the aeroport into a proper lounge, a smoking area on the seventh floor."	"M fundi

Interviews conducted by Paul Hainsworth

Carruthers

Clothed or unclothed, Jonathan Carruthers is as eclectic as the fabric used for his campaign posters.

He says the Hive at the Loyola campus should be moved to the Refectory building (attached to Loyola's main building), where it could be used for wedding receptions.

Other plans are to petition the city to permanently close off McKay street from Sherbrooke to St. Catherines St. "One of Concordia's shortfalls is the fact there's no green-spaces downtown," he said.

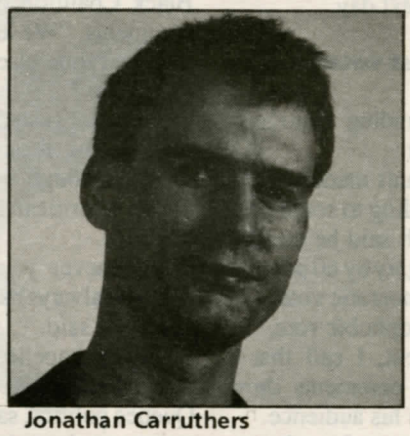
"Mr. Bourque—Mr. Green-Space Himself—will be part of the dialogue."

Carruthers may have some unconventional ideas, but his experience within student politics dissipates any notion that he's an oddball.

He led the "No" committee in last year's sports complex referendum, defeating an attempt to saddle students with up to $200 in additional student service fees.

He has also been on the Council of Representatives for the past two years.

Pet projects have included fighting a dangerous ventilation system in the Visual Arts Building.



Jonathan Carruthers

Grime

Standing in the busy hallway ou CSU office in the Hall Building, Lan gestures towards the front of the union.

"This 30 foot wide front—that see of your student union," "Imagine what could be done," if C had its own student union buildi

Grimes says that a student union would provide residence space, co all student groups in one building, students a home base.

Still, a union building is her "vis her immediate priority. "When are faced with rising tuitions, no their shelves, they want m potatoes," she said.

The "meat" includes copy computer centres, 24 hour study sp "potatoes" includes fighting for representation on issues of pro tenure and hiring.

Grimes has been active at Conc the past eight years.

Though some candidates say he experience is a liability, she disagrees.

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Last year, co-president student (formerly CU is current presi administrati

Lana Grimes

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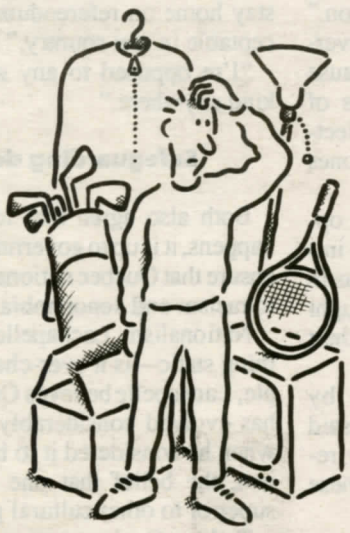

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'Maybe we need to work more with hool) clubs on booking Reggie's to get re members out."	"If no one is booked for the Hive, don't open it on weekends. Rent the facility to the community for banquets, weddings."	"We can't cut off the Hive. It's the life of the school. We should have bashes at the Hive after sporting events."
'I don't know why the budget was late. budget will be ready by July 1."	"They just didn't sit down and do it (the budget). If they sat down, and did their research, they would have had a budget."	"It's my top priority and to have a mini-budget for Orientation '95."
I don't think it's fragmenting at all. e been in CASA, I've seen what "frag-nting" can do—teacher evaluations, nputers, labs."	"I feel because the CSU is getting stronger, (the faculties) will stay."	"Secession should be a last resort, but it's not bad if they go so they can focus on their issues."
Include them in decision-making proc-es. I haven't been to the CSU as a dent-at-large."	"More people will come when they realize we're getting stronger."	"Make councillors more involved. Get them feeling they're actually members of the team."
More support of clubs. I'll increase ding to clubs by $25,000."	"Spirit lays within the clubs and associations. Clubs don't know the policies on using various facilities like the Mezz, Hive and Reggie's."	"We should charge $10 to all students for Orientation. That way we have over $100 000 for Orientation, not $60,000."

Editorial

It looks like next year's council of representatives will be just as dedicated and energetic as the this year's.

The Link asked that rep candidates submit answers to prepared questions. Only four out of a possible thirty bothered to respond.

And only five of the peppy bunch considered it worthwhile to show up for an election debate at the Hive last Wednesday—a whopping 17 per cent turnout. Now ain't that special.

The student union seems to want to entrench the apathy by proposing that council meetings only require one-third quorum. The CSU published their latest stream of amendments to their constitution in the last issue of the Voice. One third quorum means only ten councillors need to be present at the meetings.

This year, there are only 14 people left on the council of representatives. One-third means five people making budgetary decisions, playing with the student dollar, and checking that the executive doesn't pick its nose all year.

Are they serious? Or maybe they salivate at the idea of next year's president railroading his or her agenda past the bewildered, microscopic council.

If only we could pass exams with 33 per cent marks, if only students could receive their diploma with one-third of their credits, or that only one-third of Quebecers need vote for sovereignty...

The fact of the matter is, these council representatives don't earn a red cent, and who (except for geeky student journalists) would spend endless hours debating student issues?

The presidential candidates, meanwhile, are not taking their campaigning lightly. They have been far more intent than the council candidates to get their point across.

Huge banners draped around the mezzanine, and persistent campaign managers forcing flyers down every Concordia students throat have been a scourge this week.

But what do they have to offer without a strong council? How can any of the potential presidents have "open discussions" with a council that doesn't even show up for election debates?

The vice-presidents will be appointed for their $10,000 a year job by a weak council, and without a student-at-large voice.

In retrospect, it's a damn good thing the student government changed their name to "student union" last year. It's always good to have the name of your group cover up for its shortcomings, like the lack of democracy and true representation of the CSU.

Al (Rhino) Feldman, Alexandra Flynn, Binh Nguyen, and Marlen Cambridge submitted their platforms, unfortunately, the Link ran out of space.

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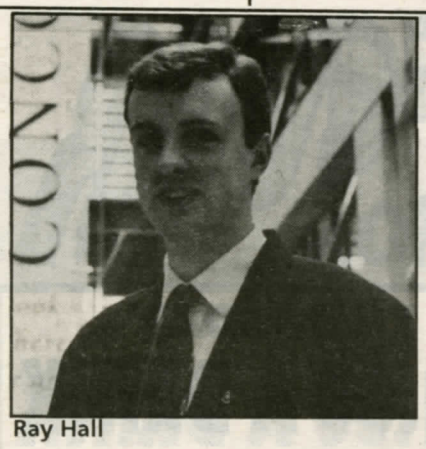


Ray Hall

Hall

The Concordia Student Union needs a new image and Ray Hall says he's it.

"A professional image" is what I want to project, says Hall of his suit and tie combination—right down to his New York Stock Exchange tie clip.

"This student association needs a professional image which over the past few years it hasn't had," he said.

But maintaining that image would require keeping what he calls his number one weakness under control—his temper.

Last Sunday Hall ripped down non-partisan election signs urging students to vote. He was "pissed off" because some had been covering up election posters.

A finance student, Hall was vice-president student and academic affairs in the Commerce and Administration Student Association in 1993-94, and is currently president of the Finance Student Society.

One problem he sees with the current CSU is a lack of new faces on council. "We need fresh blood in there, an infusion of new people."

But is somewhat less than qualified. He has no experience in the student union, having never even attended a meeting.

Karidogiannis

Christos Karidogiannis is ambitious, if nothing else.

At 19, he ran as an independent in last fall's municipal elections in Park Extension, garnering 828 votes and placing fourth.

He also sits on the Board of Directors of the Italo-Jewish-Hellenic Congresses of Quebec.

Karidogiannis makes it clear that clinching the CSU presidency is only one step in his political career.

Christos Karidogiannis

"I have no intention of screwing up my name in the CSU," he said"I have a political future ahead of me. I'm going to take another crack at the municipal elections and move into federal (politics), after law school and everything."

Karidogiannis plans to inject new money into the CSU by approaching corporations and government for grants he says the student union hasn't tapped. He argues that he has an advantage here because he has "a big spectrum of contacts, especially in the federal government and the Hellenic community."

He points out that he met Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and U.S. President Bill Clinton during his recent visit to Ottawa.

How can he promise students that these contacts can come through? "You'll just have to trust me," he said.

Pemberton

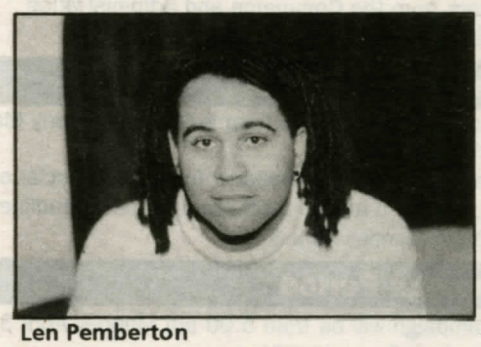
Len Pemberton is an optimistic man.

Although there's still a few days to go before student elections, he is already drafting next year's budget.

He intends to pass this budget through the council of representatives by the first of July. He says the reason this year's council did not get its budget out early was plain negligence.

"They just didn't do it. If they sat down, did their research, they would have had a budget," he said.

"I'm the most open and approachable," said Pemberton. A bartender at Reggie's, he argues the CSU needs that style to get more students involved in campus life.



Len Pemberton

An independent student taking French and management courses, Pemberton came to Concordia this fall after graduating in kinesiology at McMaster university in Hamilton.

He wants new students to feel more welcome than he did at first when he didn't know his way around Concordia.

"Wherever I went for information or services during Orientation, there was no information for new students," he said. "All I saw was people walking around with walkie-talkies."

He points out that being a new student will be both a strength and a weakness for him as president. "I don't know everything about the student union and how it's been run in the past few years," he said. "But I can use new ideas to generate more effective ways of doing things."

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize events of interest to the Concordia community. Priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, to *the Link*–Agenda. Deadlines are 4pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 4 pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Parents Without Custody is a support group for separated or divorced parents without custody of their children. Call Nancy Montgomery,937-5351, local 48 to register.

Sign up now for workshops on communication skills, career & life planning, building relationships, study skills, loss and grieving support groups etc. For information, call Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

Start Keeping a Budget: Financial Aid & Awards offers personal budgeting information sessions on Mondays at 3 pm & Tuesdays at 11am. Please sign up in advance in the Financial Aid office LB -085.

Questioning your sexual orientation? Coming Out support group for men, confidential and friendly atmosphere. Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2090 Mackay, Room 02. For information or individual support call the Peer Helper Centre, 848-2859.

"Living On My Own" a program for people planning to live on their own for the first time. Info: Bruce, Head & Hands: 481-0277 or 481-3643.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting". Wednesdays 12-1 pm, Annex Z. Info: Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program , in which students visit inmates at Archambault Prison. Participants should call to speak with a chaplain before entering program, Peter Coté, 848-3586, Matti Terho, 848-3590

Writers, graphic artists, photographers, editors and rabble rousers wanted. The Link. H-649. It's not just a career; it's an adventure. 848-7405.

ACADEMIC

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HEALTH

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Circumcision Info-Resource Centre provides information regarding non-religious circumcision & non-surgical foreskin restoration. Info: 848-9761.

GENERAL

Meals On Wheels Program is seeking volunteers to assist in preparing and delivering home cooked meals for seniors living independently at home. Info: Rona 937-9471, ext. 155.

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Divers Cité, Montreal's annual lesbian & gay pride festival,which is taking pace August 2nd to 4th this summer, is producing a written programme to highlight this year's events. Anyone interested in contributing articles between 250 and 500 words should contact us at 285-4011.

Compeer Montreal, a community service which provides friendship and support to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day. Info: 935-1105.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3591.

Yellow Door Elderly Project needs volunteers to accompany seniors to appointments. Also looking for dog walkers who can assist seniors in the McGill Ghetto. Info: 398-6243.

STUDENT CLUBS

Indigenous Peoples International, a native solidarity group on campus meets every Wednesday, 7 pm, P-203. Info: 848-7443.

Concordia Queer Collective holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 5:30 pm in P-102. Information: 848-7414.

Concordia Chemistry & Biochemistry Students Assoc. is back and invites students to take advantage of its many new services. 2020 Mackay,Rm. 306 or call 848-7417.

Latin American Students Organization invites all interested students to visit their offices. 2010 Mackay, Rm. 02. Info: 848-3532.

International Socialists Students' Association: If you'd like to become a member, or want information about meetings, actions, etc. Contact: 521-1983.

Concordia Outdoors Club's new office hours are Fridays between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

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Director from Arts & Science Faculty - Science (1 position)
Director from Fine Arts Faculty
Director Registered as an Independent Student
Directors from Engineering & Computing Science (2 positions)
Directors from the Commerce and Administration
(1 MBA, 1 Non-MBA)

Nomination Period

The nomination period is from 9:00 am Tuesday March 21 to 5:00 pm Friday March 31.
Nomination forms are available from the Association's office Annex T, 2030 Mackay between 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Deadline for withdrawal is 12:00 pm Monday April 3.

Campaign Period

The campaign will be from 5:00 pm Monday April 3, through to Sunday April 9 at midnight.
All provisions regarding campaign rules and regulations can be obtained from the Chief Returning Officer who may be contacted at the Association offices 2030 Mackay, 848-7900.

Voting Period

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Escarpment falls short

by David King

A murder mystery, crime thriller, history lesson; a jazzy, cinematic journey through the dark alleys of Montréal's historic Côte St. Antoine district. Sounds like good, cheap entertainment?

It could be. Unfortunately, the production of **Sulpician Escarpment** at the Strathearn Centre, falls surprisingly short of fulfilling its promise.

Gene (Mark Krupa) right goes after the clues in the mystery of the Sulpician Escarpment..

Montréal Serai, an eight-year old theatre troupe reflecting linguistic, cultural, and ethnic issues through original and innovative multi-disciplinary plays, is no secret on the Montréal anglo theatre circuit. The company has already collaborated on and put together between five and ten shows that have been performed in Québec, Ontario and British Columbia and to rave reviews in the Montréal scene.

Escarpment's writer and director **Rana Bose**, who is also the company's founder, has been an integral part of the company since it began. With Sulpician Escarpment, he may have just headed in the wrong direction.

The "Sulpician Escarpment" is the Côte St. Antoine district (you get a perfect view of it from the shuttle bus on the highway). Originally named after the Sulpician Monks, this semi-industrial and impoverished region has a long and rich jazz history in Montréal, setting the framework for Bose's play.

Escarpment, the play, revolves around **Anita** (Kiran Dholakia), an Indian student who is interested in finding the answer to the death of her brother back in Calcutta, and her lover **Gene** (Mark Krupa), who is interested in Anita and eventually in the series of murders which he must eventually take on as the 'detective'.

The set design, by Mark Buntrock (*Death, Delirium and Desire)* , though over-painted and poorly lit by lighting designer Brent Dinsmore, is visually stimulating and portable enough to pull off the play's various locations and multi-media flair, which presents us with various images, atmosphere, and clues to the murders.

Unfortunately, our interest in the murders (and the play itself) diminishes when we begin to focus on the play's problematic elements. Bose's script and direction, combined with the unfocused and senseless acting of at least half of the cast (in particular, our two leads), is all over the place. While Dholakia and Krupa flit about the stage with bad blocking and no sense of meaning or purpose, Bose decides to take a didactic approach with the Sulpician Escarpment's history lesson in the all-too-long first scene of the script. By the end of the first act, both the play and the audience have been tortured, insulted, stereotyped, and had their intelligence undermined.

From a company that claims it does not take "mainstream" approaches in getting its messages across, Sulpician Escarpment is bursting with all of the elements of a mainstage play, where even Neil Simon becomes intellectually stimulating.

The idea and the story of Escarpment's first act have the potential of unfolding a great new show for both Montréal and Serai, but I wouldn't know, I didn't make it to the end. Unfortunately, with this play what you see is not what you get.

Sulpician Escarpment is playing at the Strathearn, 3680 rue Jeanne-Mance (between Prince Arthur and Pine), and continues till April 2. Tickets are $15 (adults) & $10 (students). Call 489-3528 for more info.

Watch out jus when ya thought the fun was over it's only jus begun. Da Reggae is on da role. **Cali & Dub**, around sin '86, is back Jack. This Montreal bassep roots band wid a caliso jazz have is headlining for **Black Uhura**.

Ya can't go wrong wid Uhura. Goin on an on till da break of dawn (don't I wish). Around since the late '70s, early '80s. Ducky Simpson the one original left of this band chants of International woes, issues of poverty, urban living and the legalization of cess. Wid this crew's innotvative and progressive sound, racial and generational gaps are all but forgotten in the face of Black Freedom.

You can catch em at Metropolis tonight at 9pm, $20.00 at the door.

—by Sweet Lip Tas

Julia Fohan "sings Leonard Cohen" at The Yellow Door Coffee House. Amission is $2. Door Opens 8p.m. 398-6243

Independent Women Video makers. NFB Cinema on March 28 to April 2. $3 for students 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. 496-6297

Bishop and Masse at Le Maitre Renard on March 24 and April 7. FREE show. 845-0955

Acoustic Heaven at Les Beaux Esprits. 10::30p.m. March 30. 844-0882

Mosaic at Players' Theatre March 23-25 and March 29-April 1. Tickets are $6 for students. 8 p.m. 398-6813

—by Deana Beltsis

Roots shook foundations

by T'cha Dunlevy

Hip-hop music was redefined; minds were blown, conceptions were shattered and the capacity crowd at the Savoy this Wednesday , was treated to one of those once-in-a-lifetime shows.

The culprits: Philedelphia-based, hip-hop/jazz/funk band **The Roots**. Hard, innovative rapping over the tighter-than-tight, unpredictable immediacy of live bass, drums and keyboards; not to mention perhaps the best human beatbox in the world, coming together with a unified intensity seldom found in music, let alone live hip-hop.

Playing at best a third of the music from their landmark debut *Do You Want More?!!!!!!*, the Roots gave a performance that blew their album out of the water.

A short beatbox session by a contained **Rahzell** the **Godfather of Noize**, ignited the crowd, leading into a riotous freestyle session by vocalists **Malik** and **Black Thought**, gave an indication of things to come: unpredictability mixed with mad ability would be the order of the night.

With *Essaywhuman?!!!!!!* the band got a chance to strut their styles as Black Thought led them through a house-rending sound check. Beatboxing and scatting his way through a call-and-response session with first their drummer, the crispy clean, afro-sporting B.R.O.T.H.E.R. ? (sic), who answered Thought's every vocal whim with a doubly inspired breakbeat, on to the quite high Scott Storch on the Keys (S.S.O.T.K.), to the alive-and-able HUB on phat 'n' phunky bass, finally leading to a beatbox-for-beatbox dialogue with Rahzell.

The Roots were blowing up and the best was yet to come. Announcing a trip through the past with something called "Hip-hop 101," they kicked off an old-school mega-jam incorporating everyone from **Doug E. Fresh** to **Biz Markie** to **Boogie Down Productions**, **Black Sheep**, **Tribe Called Quest**, **Public Enemy**, **Grandmaster Flash and Parliament**, to name a few. No samplers, no turntables, 200% live!!!

And still, no one could conceive what was about to take place.

The anticipation was palpable as Rahzell, the Godfather of Noize, held up his microphone: "Soundman, increase the volume please; increase the volume please, Mr. Soundman."

The next twenty minutes are musical history. One man and a microphone destroyed all conception of the amount of funk/noise/energy that could possibly flow from one human being at one time. 'Bobby McFerrin on acid Meets Public Enemy' wouldn't begin to described what transpired at the Savoy on Wednesday March 22, 1995.

Nykeldon, DJ/co-producer for local openers **At Random**, said it best: "Nobody has a right to try to explain to anybody what happened here tonight. Anything anyone could say would simply demean what just took place." I'd have to agree.

> **"Nobody has a right to try to explain to anybody what happened here tonight. Anything anyone could say would simply demean what just took place."**

The Godfather of Noize tore the roof of the sucka', leaving 350 hysterical people flabbergasted, exhausted and speechless. The only reason there was no encore is that there was nothing more to ask for and nothing more to give; The Roots had represented-big time.

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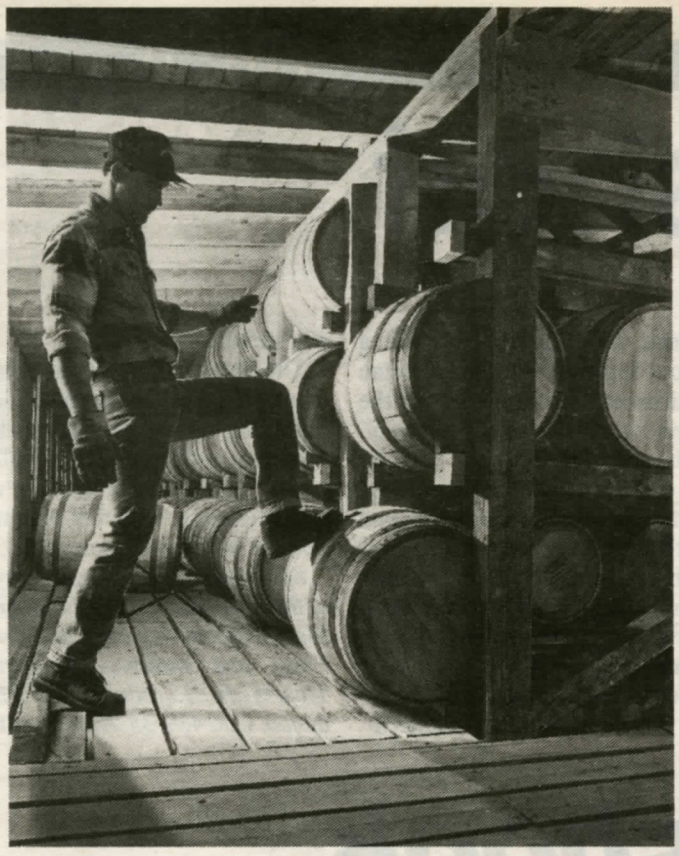

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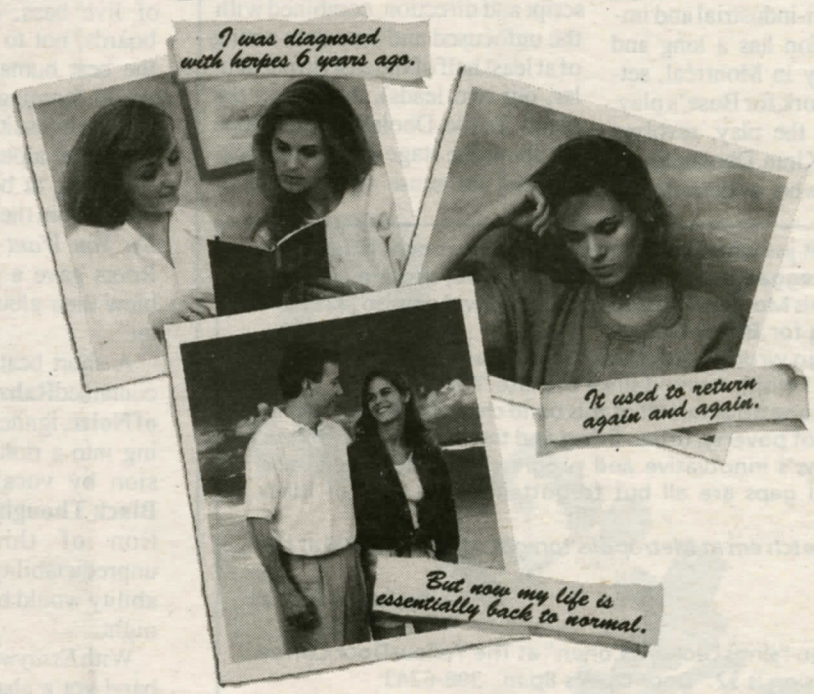

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Coping with recurrent symptoms such as itching or burning pain, tingling, sores, or even localized redness in or near the genital area has never been easy. Add to this the emotional impact of guilt, resentment, depression... a disruption of daily life.

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